

## WSDOT Road Construction Update for Snohomish County

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### **I-5 Everett Expansion Crews Continue Night Grinding; Drivers Can Expect Shifted Southbound Traffic & Local Street Delays**

Late night and early morning drivers should plan for delays as they commute through Everett. Crews continue overnight grinding work on [I-5 through Everett](#) and will shift southbound lanes to the left to install barrier on I-5 between the Lowell Avenue Bridge and Boeing Freeway. Crews will not close lanes during peak traffic hours and will keep at least one lane open at all times. The southbound traffic switch will be in place at least through next spring, and signifies an important project milestone. The switch provides crews with a secure work zone near the right shoulder to begin building a new lane, shoulders, and noise wall. Drivers can also expect various [closures](#) and delays on Everett city streets including Lowell Road, Main Street (in Lowell neighborhood), Hewitt Avenue and Pacific Avenue the next few months as crews relocate utility lines and get ready to widen bridges. For the most up-to-date project information, drivers and neighbors can call the toll-free construction update line at 1 (877) 241-0770.

### **New Bridge Over I-5 in Smokey Point Takes Form**

We used 400 cubic yards of concrete to form the second half of the bridge deck for the [new safer and wider Smokey Point Bridge](#) over Interstate 5 west of Arlington. That is roughly 42 truckloads. Most of the work now is off of the roadway, but there may be some future [closures](#) and delays while crews finish this work. Drivers should look out for trucks going in and out of the project site and crews working on the bridge deck. Slow down through the construction zone and [Give 'em a Brake](#). Be extra alert when driving over the 172<sup>nd</sup> Street Interchange or entering and exiting I-5 near the project site. This will keep you and the workers safe.

### **Crews Wrap Up Paving on US 2 in Monroe, Two Way Left-Turn Lanes Replaced with U-Turns**

Mother Nature favored crews wrapping up [paving work on US 2](#) in Monroe. Now crews are busy installing median barriers that will help reduce accidents on US 2. After the barrier is installed U-turns will be

allowed at traffic signals to provide drivers safer access to businesses on the opposite side of the highway. Workers will continue installing barrier and striping the roadway through November. Expect nighttime lane [closures](#) while they complete this work.

## **Plans for the Improved I-5/SR 532 Interchange Available Online**

Construction to fix congestion and safety problems at the busy [I-5/SR 532 Interchange](#) is scheduled to begin next spring. Drivers and interested neighbors can view [current channelization plans](#) and an [aerial view](#) of planned improvements online. We talked with dozens of interested community members at an open house in Stanwood last week. The work, funded in part by the [2003 Nickel Gas Tax](#), includes a new traffic signal and a second left-turn lane to the northbound I-5 exit to SR 532; additional turn lanes, one eastbound and one westbound, on SR 532 at the I-5 interchange; new left and right-turn lanes and a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Highway 99 and SR 532; and reconstructing and expanding the park and ride lot.



## **Learn About the I-5 South Everett Freeway Station Project and Provide Comments at our Environmental Hearing**

We invite you to attend our environmental hearing on this project on Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the [Everett Station](#), 3201 Smith Avenue.

Next year, WSDOT and Sound Transit are teaming up to begin building a South Everett Freeway Station park-and-ride facility. The new park and ride will be located in I-5 median just north of 112th Street Southeast in south Everett. We will also build new HOV on and off-ramps in the I-5 median and widen 112th Street Southeast. We will build a public access road to allow drivers to access the park-and-ride from 112th Street Southeast.

To learn more about this project, visit [WSDOT](#) and [Sound Transit's](#) project Web pages.

## **How to Learn More about Highway Construction in Snohomish County**

You can find updated information about highway projects by visiting our [weekly report](#) and our [Snohomish County projects list](#).

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